



HADDINGTON HAPPENINGS

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Dear Friends,

I hope that you will enjoy reading updates in this spring newsletter on the various aspects of ministry through Haddington House Trust. Before you begin reading, I want to take this opportunity to personally say “thank you” to the many who have sent cards, written emails, visited, helped, provided meals, and called during the recent illness of my wife, Nancy. Thank you so much for all your expressions of love and concern. We are now at the four-month point and we are still seeing many signs of continuing improvement. The road to recovery is long but thank you so much for surrounding us along the way. You have given tremendous encouragement.

Yours in the Lord,

Jack Whytock, Director

Dumisani 2018 Graduation & Awards Recognition Day

In this spring newsletter we include updates on the recent developments at one of the overseas partner colleges – Dumisani Theological Institute and Bible School in King William’s Town, South Africa. Transitional developments continue at this college as it pursues the road to long-term sustainability.



On February 24th 2018 the Graduation and Awards Recognition Day was held for Dumisani Theological Institute & Bible School in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. This is the 39th year of the ministry of Dumisani as a Christian training institution.

Twenty-three were honoured at the ceremony. Here is a glimpse of some of our

graduates. We had our first husband and wife graduate together (see photo on next page) in the Certificate of Christian Foundations programme. The husband serves as a pastor in a township beside Berlin village and his wife teaches school in Peddie. They are also involved with several school assemblies where they have opportunity to share the gospel.

Two students from the diaspora Ethiopian community graduated this year. These graduates are involved in a large evangelical Ethiopian congregation which is centralised in King William's Town but reaches Ethiopian immigrants from a very large radius. Wilbert Chipenyu, our visiting lecturer from Timothy Two ministries, and I visited this 300-member congregation one Sunday and brought greetings and a report on Dumisani.

We had students from the Transkei area graduate, many of whom have been staying three days a week in King William's Town and then returning to their home villages for ministry over the weekends. Such a pattern highlights our need for short-term student accommodation (see photo below – one visiting faculty flat and one student flat – just completed in early 2018). We have one pastor coming from just inside the Kwazulu-Natal/Eastern Cape border, so our student body is truly spread out over much of the province.

Our oldest graduate this year serves a congregation beside the historic Transkei location of Tiyo Soga's place of burial. Our youngest graduate has stayed on at Dumisani and has entered the Advanced Ministry Studies programme. He lives on campus and often helps at night with security checks.

Four students were honoured by being recognised for completing their B.Th. degree through North-West



University (NWU) and facilitated through Dumisani. Every one of these students came through the complete Dumisani programme by completing first our certificate, then our diploma, and finally the NWU degree.

There were four speakers for the day. The principal's report gave highlights of 2017 and outlined some areas that will be focused on in 2018. Two graduating speakers spoke, Mr. Mkebe and Mr. Siguqa, for their respective

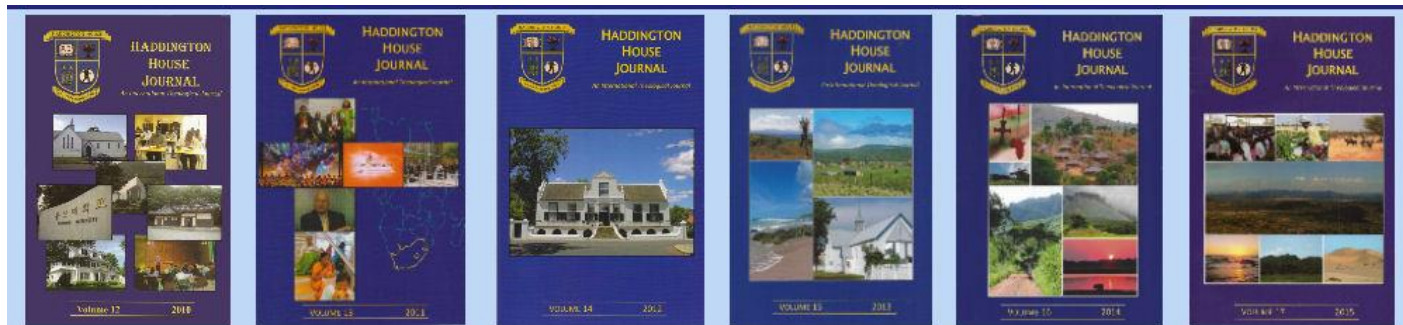
graduating classes. Dr. Bryson Arthur brought the sermon based upon Luke 24:13-35 under the theme of *"Theological Journey: The Awakening"* whereby he spoke about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus encountering the Lord Jesus: *"... Are you seeing God better? Do you feel that you are wakening up to behold Christ? In your learning are you walking with the risen Christ in the Person of His Holy Spirit? This walk is a theological discussion – it is talking about God .We are doing theology all the way home now. Theology is talking about God. We are walking in the Bible..."*



This year we introduced the Principal's Awards for Academic Merit. These were presented to Mr. Hogana, Mr. Siguqu, and Mrs. Landingwe. Each graduate also received a gift bag of commentaries and Christian literature.

2018 Haddington House Journal

Some editorial changes have been made commencing with volume 20, 2018 of the *Haddington House Journal*. One of our new policies concerns book reviews. Now all reviewers will have three months to submit their reviews from the date of receiving their book, whether in paper or electronic format.



Last year's themed volume was well received concerning the relevance of the reformation for today. Articles and authors for the 2018 journal will include Michael Haykin writing about the Heidelberg disputation of 1518 (which in many ways solidified Luther's theological development); John Koning's sermon on the Lord's Supper - Communion Chaos; Thorsten Prill on cross-cultural stumbling blocks – yesterday and today; Kenneth Stewart on looking at the resources of a neglected reformation; Manfred Kohl on the sensational discovery of Luther's last will and testament; Cameron Fraser's reflections on John Frame's Theology of My Life; and a chapter from Wayne Grudem's new *magnum opus* on Christian ethics.

Ministry Update Presentations

In the month of March and beginning of April the Director has had many opportunities to preach while home in North America and also to give presentations about the work of Haddington House Trust. If your congregation would like an update on the work of the Trust please email: haddingtonhouse@eastlink.ca

Dates are being taken now for June, July, and August.

Writing and Curriculum Projects

Over the last twelve months several new curriculum courses have been written and tested. These include:

- the four Gospels
- introduction to public speaking and preaching
- advanced homiletics
- foundations of academic literacy
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Current courses being developed are:

- advanced leadership and pastoral ministry
- African church history.



The writing and testing of curriculum is critical so that others can then take these courses, teach them, and hopefully use them to further develop sustainable and indigenous colleges. On average, a curriculum cycle lasts ten years. Some of the Haddington House curriculum courses have been used to teach in excess of 1,000 students through various colleges.

Other writing projects

- Thank you for praying that some of the backlog of writing for our Director, Dr. Jack Whytock. Two forthcoming chapters in books appear to be in the final proofing stages - one in Africa and one in Europe.
- Starting in April, Dr and Mrs Whytock will begin the process of bringing together the requested volume which Haddington House Trust has been asked to produce for the 40th anniversary of Dumisani Theological Institute in Africa. The hope is to have this ready for January, 2019 – *Dumisani 1979-2019*
- Two other books are being considered for textbooks and reference works. A decision has not been made on these but will hopefully be reported in our next newsletter.

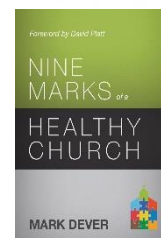
The Gospel Coalition and 2018

The Gospel Coalition is continuing to partner with us in getting some of their new titles distributed and used as teaching tools:

- Rickard Coekin, *Ephesians for You*,
- Timothy Keller, *Galatians for You*, (under the concept of READ, FEED, and LEAD)
- Mark Dever, *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*,
- and the devotional book on the *New City Catechism*.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, these resources are used in courses or workshops to help with theological famine relief

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Points for Prayer & Praise

- Give thanks to the Lord for those who have graduated at Dumisani in South Africa this year. Pray these graduates will be faithful in ministry and in their continuing studies.
- Pray for the 2018 special writing projects of new curriculum and the 40th anniversary book. Also, pray for the decision about two possible future textbooks and reference works.
- Pray for the work at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary in Kampala, Uganda and this year of seminary classes at the new campus.
- Pray with thanksgiving for the distribution of new works through Gospel Coalition in courses and workshops

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